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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Duke Energy Carolina, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Petition for
Declaratory Order
Docket Nos. 2021-89-E and 2021-90-E

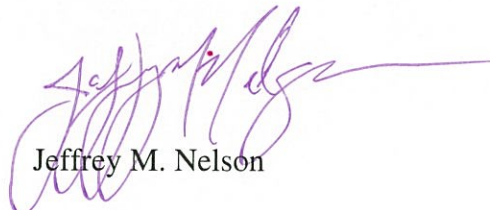
Dear Ms. Boyd,

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively "Duke") and has no objection to the company's request for a declaratory ruling in advance of the hearing in the above two referenced dockets in order to clarify that certain communications between counsel and witnesses during the hearing are allowed.

ORS greatly appreciates the in-depth legal analysis performed by Duke and referenced in the Petition. ORS believes that a ruling on this issue by the Commission prior to the hearing in these dockets, scheduled for August 2, 2021 would be advantageous to both the Commission and all the parties in this docket.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)